President's Office Hours
President Liebowitz will hold open office hours from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 7. No appointment is necessary, but meetings will be limited to 15 minutes out of courtesy to other visitors.

Reminder to 2006 Flexible Spending Account Participants
You have until March 15, 2007 to submit claims for services provided in the calendar year, 2006. All claims should be sent to Ceridian via:
• Fax at 1-877-488-6454
• Mail to:
  Ceridian FSA Services
  PO Box 534134
  St. Petersburg, FL 33747
Claim forms can be found in the HR office or on the HR website by clicking on "Benefits," scrolling down to the Flexible Spending Accounts section, then clicking on dependent care or health care "Reimbursement Form."

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Message From the President
Dear Members of the College Staff,
As College operations have returned to normal, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge your extraordinary efforts during the recent snow emergency, and to extend my sincere thanks to all of you on behalf of the entire College. Although we often speak about a sense of community at Middlebury, it was truly remarkable to see how many of you came together to respond to the needs of the campus in such a challenging situation.

I would like to reassure staff affected by the closure of the College for official business on Thursday that you will receive your regular pay for the day. For non-exempt staff who were asked to serve during the closure (12:01 a.m. Thursday morning to 8:00 a.m. Friday), I have authorized two hours pay for each hour worked. In addition, any time lost on Wednesday because of an early departure will be paid as regular pay and not charged to one’s combined time off (CTO).

I hope our approach to the challenging work conditions during the blizzard reflects, in some small way, the College’s gratitude for your dedicated service.

If you have any questions, please contact Human Resources x5465.

Ronald D. Liebowitz

Employee & Family Assistance Program
During New Employee Orientation, employees receive information about a program that the College offers to all employees called Employee & Family Assistance Program (EFAP). This is a program that doesn’t cost you anything, and taking advantage of EFAP can really help when life presents difficult problems on the job or at home.

The EFAP provides confidential assessment and referral services, and short-term counseling to help you work through life’s challenges. You and any household member can use this program. The services are provided by The Wellness Corporation, dedicated to helping people with emotional, family, substance abuse and other personal problems. Counselors working for The Wellness Corporation are all Masters or Doctoral levels, licensed or certified professionals.

When you call the EFAP, their staff helps you set up an appointment with one of their professional counselors. You and the counselor decide together the best approach to take to resolve your particular problem. Many problems can be improved or resolved through short-term counseling. In other instances, you and the EFAP counselor may decide that other kinds of expertise would help. Your EFAP counselor will make recommendations and help refer you to the appropriate resources.

If you have any questions, please contact Human Resources x5465.

Medical and Dental Benefits Online Access
Watch for a letter from EBPA with instructions on how to view your medical and dental claims information online.

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84th Annual Middlebury College Winter Carnival this Weekend

The 84th annual Middlebury College Winter Carnival, the oldest and largest student-run carnival in the country, will take place Thursday, Feb. 22, through Saturday, Feb. 24, with “Jet-Set” as this year’s theme. The public is invited to attend the ice show, cultural gala, and both Nordic and alpine ski competitions.

Beginning at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 22, visitors of all ages are invited to attend the Winter Carnival Cultural Gala at the Middlebury College Center for the Arts, located on South Main Street (Route 30). Activities will include performances by Middlebury College student a cappella singing groups, as well as children's activities organized by several student organizations. Light refreshments will be served, and the Middlebury College Museum of Art will be open to the public until 7 p.m.

Following the Cultural Gala, visitors can proceed next door to Kenyon Arena for the Winter Carnival ice show, “Around the World in 80 Minutes,” at 7:30 p.m. The show features the Middleby Figure Skating Club, whose members include Middlebury College students, faculty and staff, as well as children and adults from the local community. Ross Miner will appear as a guest skater. Miner, the 2006 United States National Intermediate Men's Champion, is a 16-year-old skater from Williston who lives in the Boston area and trains with the Skating Club of Boston. The show, which is also hosted by the Champlain Valley Skating Club and sanctioned by US Figure Skating, will be performed again at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 23.

On Friday, Feb. 23, and Saturday, Feb. 24, some of the finest collegiate skiers will compete in Nordic and alpine races that are regional qualifying events for the NCAA. Competitions take place at the Middlebury College Snow Bowl in Hancock and the Rikert Ski Touring Center in Ripton. Visiting teams include Bates, Bowdoin, Colby, Dartmouth, Harvard, St. Lawrence, St. Michael’s, University of New Hampshire, University of Vermont and Williams. Pending qualification, individuals from the following schools may also compete: Boston College, Plymouth, Northern Michigan University, Smith, St. Anselm, Clarkson, M.I.T. and the University of Massachusetts.

Alpine events begin at 9:30 a.m. Friday and Saturday at the Snow Bowl, and Nordic events begin at 10 a.m. both days at Rikert.

Admission to the cultural gala and ski events is free. Tickets for the ice show are $5, payable with cash or check. Tickets will be available at the door. For more information, contact the Middlebury College Center for Campus Activities at 802-443-3100.

4th Annual Relay for Life Slated for April 20–21

A committee of Middlebury College students, staff and community members, working with the American Cancer Society, is organizing the 4th Annual Relay for Life at Middlebury College. The all night event is slated for Friday, April 20 and Saturday, April 21, 2007.

Relay For Life is a fun-filled overnight event designed to celebrate survivorship and raise money for research and programs of the American Cancer Society. Teams have been formed each year among academic and administrative departments and offices, sports teams, campus clubs, and Commons.

As we’re entering the spring semester, Relay for Life is hoping to have its best Relay yet with a goal of raising $220,000 and having 1,100 participants. In its first year, Relay raised $77,000 but more than doubled that amount in its second year, raising $177,000!! Last year was our best year yet, raising $198,000, having 1,000 participants and placing #1 in the Youth Relay per Capita NATIONWIDE and #9 in the County per capita NATIONWIDE!!!

For more information, visit the Website at www.acsevents.org/Relay/VTmiddlebury. E-mail questions about joining a team or starting one of your own to relayforlife@middlebury.edu.

Optimal Health Initiative

T’ai Chi with Dana Yeaton

OHIC brings you 4 sessions of T’ai Chi classes with faculty member Dana Yeaton.

T’ai Chi is a Chinese system of slow, meditative, physical exercise designed for relaxation and balance and health.

To register contact Eileen Fahey at x5064

15 spaces available

Wednesdays 4 to 5 p.m.

February 28, March 7, 14 & 21

Mitchell Green Lounge

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with personal problems and concerns such as:

• Anger, anxiety, grief
• Communication problems
• Drinking or drug use
• Domestic violence
• Eating disorders
• Health problems
• Marital, relationship, family concerns
• Depression
• Parenting
• Stress (at work, home, financial)
• Work or performance problems.

This service is confidential. The EFAP does not share any information about your involvement or use of their services without your prior knowledge and written permission, except as may be required by law.

To schedule an appointment, call the Wellness Corporation at 1-800-828-6025 during regular business hours. They also have a counselor answering the phone 24 hours a day for urgent matters.

If you or a family member used this program last year and had prior authorization to see a counselor in 2006 through the EFAP and would like to continue with them, you must call EFAP to get a new authorization for 2007.

For more information about the EFAP, pick up a brochure in Human Resources.
Faculty Grants

Pieter Broucke (History of Art and Architecture) has received additional funding from the Parnassus Foundation in support of his research activities. The grant will help fund research expenses during his 2007-2008 leave when he will be working on a project titled, “The Four Pantheons: a Design Taxonomy of Rome’s Most Celebrated Building.”

Priscilla Bremser (Mathematics) and a colleague from Lafayette College have been awarded a grant from the Learn and Serve America Corporation through the Pennsylvania/New York Campus Compact Consortium to host a course development workshop at Middlebury in June. Participants will work collaboratively on materials for a variety of mathematics courses, exploring connections between quantitative literacy and social justice issues such as apportionment, income distribution, and the environment. Working groups will also consider models for service-learning projects in mathematics courses.

Brett Millier (English & American Literatures) has received a grant from the Canadian Embassy’s Faculty Enrichment Program. The grant will fund expenses related to the development of two courses on Canadian literature and culture during her upcoming leave. She will travel to conferences on Canadian literature in Calgary and Vancouver, and work with faculty at McGill University.

Cafecito Hour

Carr Hall - PALANA Intercultural Center

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Wednesday, February 14, 12:15 p.m.

Safer Sex - No Really?

Alicia Battle, Director - Office of Health & Wellness Education

Friday, February 16, 4:30 p.m.

Only the nameless and faceless vanish: The functions of the Storyteller in the Works of Edith Wharton

Folashade Alao, Doctoral Candidate, American Studies, Emory University

Friday, March 2, 4:30 p.m.

His-Panic: Latinos and Race

Marisela Ramos, Visiting Instructor in History

Wednesday, March 7, 12:15 p.m.

Cultural Criticism and Scientific Method

Kareem Khalifa, Assistant Professor of Philosophy

Friday, March 9, 4:30 p.m.

Leadership, is it an Art or a Science?

Gail Smith, Associate Professor in Physical Education

Wednesday, March 14, 12:15 p.m.

Watching Diversity: A Conversation about Race and Television

Kelly Cole, Visiting Asst. Professor of American Civilization

Wednesday, April 4, 12:15 p.m.

Privilege in the US

Linda White, Visiting Asst Professor of Anthropology

Wednesday, April 11, 12:15 p.m.

Latina or Latin American: Does it Matter?

Gloria Gonzales-Zenteno, Associate Professor of Spanish

Wednesday, April 18, 12:15 p.m.

Is It Time For A President Who Is Not White and Male?

Bill Hart, Associate Professor of History

Friday, April 27, 4:30 p.m.

Black & White TV: Representations of Race in Crime Dramas

Sujata Moorti, Associate Professor of Women’s and Gender Studies

Where on Campus?

We had three readers who knew where this sign from the last Midd Points is. It is on the Class of ’97 Trail between Rtes. 23 and 125.
Classifieds

Classified ads are free for members of the staff, faculty, student body, and alumni of Middlebury College. Ads must be submitted seven days prior to the publication date. Please send your ads to: Classifieds, Midd Points, HR, Service Building, or via Outlook to: Middpoints Editor or Middpoints@middlebury.edu (electronic submissions preferred).

Real Estate

For Rent: Sabbatical rental for 2007–'08 academic year. 2 story house on Chipman Hill (High St.). 2 BR 2 BA, recently remodeled kitchen/breakfast room and downstairs bath, large living room and master BR upstairs, 2 studies. Adk. Mtn. views & Midd. schools. $1,250/month plus utilities. For more info. contact Kevin Moss at 443-5786 or moss@middlebury.edu.


For Sale: Cute & efficient 3 BR, 1 BA ranch home located in Bridport on .5 acre with beautiful Adk. Mtn. views. Eat-in kitchen, large deck, private backyard. Full basement, a 2 car detached garage, central AC, Andersen windows, Berber carpet, Pergo kitchen flooring, metal roof, with town water and much more! Upgrades include: new furnace in '05; new hot water tank, new wood & chimney flues, and a septic inspection in '06. House properly priced per recent appraisal at $170,000. Contact Angela at 759-3225 or jearly@middlebury.edu for more info. and Website.

For Sale: Six y.o. well maintained saltbox with 10 acres of pastureland (perfect for horses and sheep) on the North Ferrisburg/Charlotte town line. Private pastoral setting with beautiful views of the Adk. and Mt. Philo. Easy commute to Burl. and Midd. House is 2,200 sq. ft. with 3 BR (one is master suite), 2.5 BA, open floor plan on main floor, and a spacious family room or artist studio over the insulated 2 car garage. Windows galore. Great layout for entertaining. For more info. and Website address, call Lynn at 425-7324 or e-mail ldunton@middlebury.edu.

Auto

For Sale: 1995 Ford Probe GT, 97,000 miles. Asking: $3,100 OBO. Auto., excellent condition, runs and looks great in and out, very reliable. Brand new tires (less than 500 miles on them). Keyless entry, A/C, cruise, dual front air bags, power steering, AM/FM stereo, 10 CD changer, alloy wheels, sun roof. Tilt steering wheel, power windows, seats and door locks. ABS (4-wheel).

Location: Middlebury. Photos avail. Please e-mail halmasri@middlebury.edu, or call 388-3720 home, or (765) 404-8152 cell.

Wanted

Wanted: House sitting situation. Senior graduating in spring of '07 and working in Middlebury is available as a house-sitter for '07-08 school year or for fall '07. Previous jobs include head-tutor and commons chef. I would be happy to cook and/or do childcare as well. Contact Luke: lstrauss@middlebury.edu. 802-318-3650.

Wanted: House Swap. Want to enjoy city life for a few nights? We have friends who want to stay in the Middlebury area for a short period in August. They are willing to swap their Brookline/Boston 3 BR apt. for your place. Coolidge Corner neighborhood of Brookline has restaurants, independent movie theater, and more. 10 minutes to downtown Boston by train. Parking spot included. Pictures available. Contact ebleich@middlebury.edu.

Wanted: Great dog needs a great home. Sam is a 70 lb. 2-y.o. neutered lab/newfy mix. He spent a great deal of time by himself in a basement and developed some possession issues with his former owner. With strong and kind leadership Sam will outgrow any issues he may have. He now knows several commands and socializes with other dogs. He loves people and is eager to please! Because of Sam’s past he cannot be in a home with children. He comes with some free expert training to ensure success with his new family. Call Pamela at 453-6682.